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SENT DEPARTMENT POLTO 2036, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON POLTO 341, MOSCOW POLTO 110, ROME POLTO 139.

WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED AT CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF PRESS STATEMENTS IN AMERICAN POSITION ON GERMAN AND GERMANY AND SPLIT BETWEEN ALLIES. IN ADDITION TO ALGEMER AND OTHER ARTICLES REFERRED TO IN SAC WASHINGTON (109) 59 207, THE WASHINGTON HERALD TRIBUNE (LATE), MARCH 18, 1959, DATED WASHINGTON TO STATE GER UNDER PRESSURE UNITED STATES NOW STUDYING SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR CONFEDERATION COULD BE SAFEGUARDED SUFFICIENTLY TO BE ADOPTED BY WEST. TRIBUNE ALSO CARRIED DON CONSIDERATION FROM LONDON, AIRING AT GREAT LENGTH ALLEGED UNITED STATES-UNITED KINGDOM SPLIT ON CONTINUING PLANS.

THINK THAT DELIBERATION OF LINE THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IS BEST WE CAN DO WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, WE WONDER WHETHER OUR OVERALL INTERESTS MIGHT NOT BE SERVED BY TAKING OUR NATO ALLIES CONFIDENTIALLY INTO OUR TENTATIVE THINKING AT THIS TIME. REGARDING THIS IS ALREADY IN THE DONE IN WASHINGTON ON 14, THERE WITH UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE AND GERMANY. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE TENDENCY FORWARD DOWNSIDE VAGUATION ON PART OF THOSE MEMBER OF NATO WHO ARE NOT IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH WASHINGTON AT THIS POINT. AS SPEAK EMPHASIZED YESTERDAY, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT THE SMALLER GOVERNMENTS BE PROVIDED

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WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON ANY EMERGING IDEAS
TO ENABLE THEM TO HANDLE THEIR PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC
INQUIRIES.

REALIZE THIS IS DIFFICULT PROBLEM AT THIS STAGE, BUT
SUGGEST IT MAY BE DESIRABLE, IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE
NECESSARY MATERIAL, TO COORDINATE WITH BRITISH, FRENCH
AND GERMANS AND ARRANGE FOR EARLY SPECIAL NAC MEETING,
AT WHICH WE MIGHT REINFORCE STATEMENT THAT NO FINAL DECISION
HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY FRANK STATEMENT OF SOME OF THE
POSSIBILITIES, TOGETHER WITH PRO'S AND CON'S, WHICH ARE
UNDER CONSIDERATION. ALTERNATIVELY, SUGGEST THIS BE DONE
AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE WITH NATO AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON
WITH AUTHORITY TO US TO BRING SPAAK INTO PICTURE.

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